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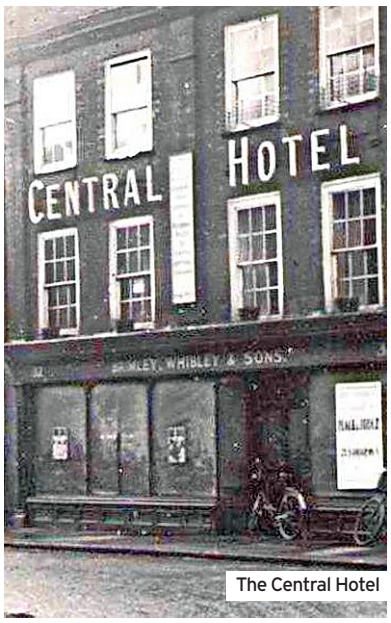
The bonfire built for the relief of Mafeking




The Central Hotel

The hazardous feat was carried out by two parties of undergraduates, including several well known athletes who are members of a secret organisation composed of skilled mountain climbers.

They used the lightning conductor which has been loosened by previous generations of climbers.

It is the climax of a series of climbs during the past few months; now they proposed to publish detailed accounts of their exploits.

## An interesting engraving - 1915

THE Cambridge Borough Librarian has been authorised to purchase, at cost of 35s, a local engraving, entitled The Dinner given to 15,000 persons on Parker's Piece, Cambridge, Thursday 28th June, 1838 in honour of the Coronation of her most gracious Majesty Queen Victoria.

The engraving is by Harraden.

## Building plans are discussed - 1903

CAMBRIDGE councillors discussed plans for the erection of new premises for Laurie and McConnal, Fitzroy Street.

The bye-laws said there should be a certain amount of air-space behind domestic buildings – house, office or shop - and these had no such space.

There was no doubt the plans were in contravention of the bye-laws, the question was whether the council would refuse them. If they were passed, it would be an illegal act.

They should not alter the bye-laws to suit the convenience of any class of people.

## Two churches, one churchyard - 1902

SWAFFHAM Prior is unique in that it possesses two churches in one churchyard.

St Mary's was formerly a picturesque ruin, the restoration of which began in 1878 when the chancel and vestry were rebuilt. The next process in the work included the restoration of the whole body of the church and both aisles.

They are practically finished at the present time, the walls and roof having been completed.

The work remaining to be done includes the flooring and glazing of the windows.

It once possessed a steeple but now only a portion of the tower remains, dilapidated in condition.

## Keeping the bonfire safe - 1900

IN Cambridge, every precaution had been taken to keep the great bonfire on Midsummer Common intact until the news of the relief of Mafeking had been confirmed, and special constables barricaded the enclosure within which the wood and other material had been stacked.

Subsequently, another posse of police constables arrived and the pile was made practically secure.

There were attempts to fire it, however. Matches, vestas in particular, were in great demand and there seemed a determination on the part of many to have a blaze.

One young man procured a box of matches, lighted them and then threw the burning mass on the brushwood.

The police promptly scaled the fence and extinguished the flames.

Tomorrow night we will light the biggest bonfire that has ever been seen in Cambridge.

## No riotous scenes this time - 1900

CAMBRIDGE has celebrated the relief of Mafeking and it has done it right nobly.

There was no recurrence of the riotous scene witnessed on the occasion of the relief of Ladysmith, no destruction of property.

This was due to one thing, the discretion shown by the powers-that-be in organising a bonfire on Midsummer Common.

People poured in in thousands from the country in anticipation of the festivities and so great was the influx that some streets were rendered well nigh impassable.

Still, the crowds were orderly and the police had no difficulty regulating the traffic.

Horses of the Co-op Society in the 1920s

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